

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on March 24, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 2, 3/17/2017; SB 367, 3/23/17

Executive Action: SB 367 Do Pass As Amended; SB 95 Do Pass As Amended

HEARING ON HB 2

Section B - Health and Human Services

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:25 Rep. Cook opened Section B.

00:17:50 Sheila Hogan, director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:21:18 Sen. Caferro

Disability Employment and Transitions

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:44 Marie Matthews, DPHHS

00:23:39 Charlie Briggs, Easter Seals-Goodwill

00:24:29 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Human and Community Services Division

00:25:55 Ms. Matthews

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Child and Family Services Division

00:28:21 Ms. Matthews

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:37 Jani McCall, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, Intermountain Family Support Network

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Director's Office

00:33:42 Ms. Matthews

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Child Support Enforcement Division

00:34:16 Ms. Matthews

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Business and Financial Services Division

00:35:55 Ms. Matthews

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Public Health and Safety Division

00:37:48 Ms. Matthews

00:38:57 Rep. Cook

00:39:24 Sen. Keenan

00:40:13 Sen. Sesso

00:40:45 Sen. Keenan

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Quality Assurance Division

00:41:40 Ms. Matthews

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Technology Services Division

00:45:25 Ms. Matthews

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Developmental [Disability] Services Division

00:47:05 Ms. Matthews

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

00:51:27 Eve Franklin, Montana Association of Disability Services
00:52:40 Ken Brown, executive director, Opportunity Resources
00:54:48 Kelly Jepson, Full Circle Counseling Solutions
00:56:55 Rob Tallon, executive director, Reach Inc.
00:59:56 Jani McCall, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR)
01:02:39 Jacquie Helt, SEIU 775
01:03:13 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)
01:04:52 Jean Morgan, West Mont
01:05:42 Mike Mahoney, executive director, Family Outreach

Informational Testimony: None

Health Resources Division

01:10:09 Ms. Matthews

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:13:05 Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Medicaid and Health Services Management

01:14:17 Ms. Matthews

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Management and Fair Hearings Division

01:15:35 Ms. Matthews

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Senior and Long-Term Care Division

01:16:31 Ms. Matthews

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:18:34 Rose Hughes, executive director, Montana Health Care Association

[**EXHIBIT\(fcs61a01\)**](#)

01:25:30 Roxanne Klose, Easter Seals-Goodwill

[**EXHIBIT\(fcs61a02\)**](#)

01:28:36 Ken Brown, Opportunity Resources (OR)

01:30:39 Dale Patterson, EmpRes Healthcare

01:34:28 David Mahrt, Big Sky Health Care Community

01:37:29 Kelly Jepson, Nightengale Nursing and Caregiving (NNC)

01:40:04 Amy Beams, Benefis Health System

01:42:36 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana

[**EXHIBIT\(fcs61a03\)**](#)

01:45:26 Erin McGowan, Montana Association of Area Agencies on Aging

01:48:02 Travis Hoffman, representing himself
01:50:30 Jacquie Helt, SEIU 775

Informational Testimony: None

Addictive and Mental Disorders Division

01:51:53 Ms. Matthews

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

01:54:57 Recess
02:08:23 Reconvene

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:08:56 Sen. Whitford
02:09:52 Ms. Matthews
02:10:56 Sen. Whitford
02:11:19 Ms. Matthews
02:11:59 Sen. Lang
02:12:39 Ms. Matthews
02:14:10 Sen. Lang
02:14:52 Ms. Matthews
02:16:15 Sen. Lang
02:16:33 Ms. Matthews
02:17:21 Sen. Whitford
02:18:01 Rep. Cook
02:19:23 Sen. Whitford
02:19:59 Ms. Matthews
02:22:00 Sen. Whitford
02:22:37 Rep. Cook
02:24:12 Sen. Lang
02:24:56 Ms. Matthews
02:25:13 Sen. Lang
02:25:51 Ms. Matthews
02:27:13 Sen. Wolken
02:27:49 Ms. Matthews
02:28:49 Sen. Wolken
02:29:24 Rep. Cook
02:30:42 Sen. Wolken
02:31:02 Rep. Cook
02:31:18 Sen. Sesso
02:32:40 Ms. Clifford, AARP
02:35:16 Sen. Sesso
02:35:55 Rep. Cook

02:36:06 Sen. Sesso
02:36:25 Rep. Cook
02:37:06 Sen. Caferro
02:39:55 Ms. Jepson, NNC
02:42:23 Sen. Caferro
02:42:36 Ms. Jepson
02:43:39 Sen. Caferro
02:44:04 Mr. Brown, OR
02:44:33 Sen. Caferro
02:44:50 Mr. Brown
02:46:05 Sen. Caferro
02:46:33 Mr. Brown
02:48:14 Sen. Caferro
02:49:54 Mr. Hoffman, self
02:51:38 Sen. Caferro
02:52:00 Mr. Hoffman
02:52:14 Sen. Whitford
02:53:19 Ms. Brenneman, DRM
02:54:42 Sen. Whitford
02:54:49 Ms. Brenneman
02:55:26 Sen. Whitford
02:55:55 Ms. Matthews
02:57:04 Sen. Whitford
02:59:00 Sen. Moore joined the meeting.
02:59:18 Ms. Matthews
02:59:30 Ms. Hogan, DPHHS
03:01:50 Sen. Whitford
03:03:34 Sen. Ankney
03:04:11 Rep. Cook
03:04:18 Sen. Ankney
03:04:33 Rep. Cook
03:05:00 Sen. Ankney
03:05:35 Ms. Matthews
03:06:06 Sen. Ankney
03:06:15 Ms. Matthews
03:07:11 Sen. Gauthier
03:08:21 Ms. Hogan
03:08:58 Sen. Gauthier
03:09:58 Ms. Hogan
03:10:57 Sen. Caferro
03:11:24 Mr. Brown
03:13:11 Chair Jones
03:14:21 Rep. Cook
03:14:37 Chair Jones
03:15:51 Sen. Phillips
03:16:28 Chair Jones
03:17:00 Sen. Whitford
03:17:09 Chair Jones
03:18:23 Sen. Keenan
03:19:02 Ms. McCall, YBGR

03:21:16 Chair Jones

Closing by the Sponsor:

03:21:24 Rep. Cook

03:24:45 Recess

07:14:35 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 367

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

07:14:53 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 367, Generally revise infrastructure funding laws.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs61a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs61a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

07:23:57 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

07:24:40 Rep. Jeff Essman, HD 54

[EXHIBIT\(fcs61a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs61a07\)](#)

07:28:48 Dan Villa, budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning

07:29:37 Waded Cruzado, president, Montana State University

07:34:58 Ron Larsen, interim chancellor, Montana State University Billings

07:36:01 Sen. Osmundson joined the meeting.

07:37:26 Susan Wolff, Great Falls College

07:38:57 Rep. Geraldine Custer, HD 39

07:39:55 Sen. Margie McDonald, SD 26

07:40:19 Tim Burton, executive director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

07:41:49 Rep. Amanda Curtis, HD 74, and representing Rep. Ryan Lynch, HD 76, Rep.

Jim Keane, HD 73, Sen. Edie McClafferty, SD 38

07:42:36 Dillon Ecord, Associated Students of Montana State University

07:43:15 Andy Bixler, Montana Associated Students

07:43:48 Mike Clawson, veteran, United Veterans Council

07:45:34 Darryl James, executive director, Montana Infrastructure Coalition

07:46:57 Levi Birky, student regent, Board of Regents

07:47:36 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

07:48:02 Kade FallsDown, Montana State University

07:49:18 Garrett Leach, president, Associated Students of Montana State University

07:50:29 Marcus Cravens, veteran student, Montana State University

07:52:37 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

07:54:42 Ed Bartlett, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce, Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce

07:55:22 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association

Opponents' Testimony:

07:55:56 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony:

07:59:43 Christine Hultin-Bruce, Office of Budget and Program Planning
08:00:01 Jennifer Olson, Department of Commerce (COM)
08:00:19 Russ Katherman, Architecture and Engineering Division, Department of
Administration
08:00:35 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:01:21 Chair Jones
08:01:52 Mr. Bryson, MACo
08:02:19 Sen. Sesso
08:03:18 Sen. Wolken
08:03:50 Sen. Moore
08:04:30 Sen. Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

08:06:06 Sen. Moore

08:10:30 Recess
08:12:03 Reconvene

08:12:04 Sen. Howard joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 367

08:12:36 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 367 DO PASS.**

08:12:39 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 367 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs61a08\)](#)

Discussion:

08:12:58 Julie Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
08:13:49 Chair Jones
08:14:51 Sen. Olszewski
08:15:04 Chair Jones
08:15:49 Sen. Sesso
08:17:15 Ms. Olson, COM
08:18:44 Sen. Olszewski
08:19:04 Ms. Olson
08:20:06 Chair Jones
08:21:03 Sen. Lang
08:21:16 Ms. Olson

08:22:00 Sen. Lang
08:22:21 Ms. Olson
08:23:23 Sen. Lang
08:23:39 Chair Jones

08:23:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Sen. Welborn was excused.

08:24:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 367 BE AMENDED CONCEPTUALLY** on page 10, line 21 striking "Nursing Addition" and inserting "Dental Hygiene Facility Construction." Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Sen. Welborn was excused.

08:24:53 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 367 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

08:24:59 Sen. Lang
08:25:28 Sen. Moore

08:25.43 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Howard, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. C. Smith voting no. Sen. Welborn voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 95

08:28:18 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 95 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Sen. Welborn was excused.

08:28:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 95 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Sen. Welborn was excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Recess: 4:29 PM

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs61aad.pdf](#))